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ry, 1863, are declared free. But (mark this) *No State or part of a State shall be considered to have been in rebellion that will, in the mean time, elect members to the Congress of the United States, by a majority of qualified voters!* Nothing is said of laying down arms, or disbanding armies, as a test of loyalty! Jeff. Davis, and any or all of his officers may be elected to our Congress, and take their seats, and this is to be proof of their loyalty, though their armies may remain in the field, ready, if need be, to assist Gen. McClellan and his adherents in enforcing upon the nation Union on the basis of slavery! The rebellion against the Administration is to be thus terminated, without "letting the oppressed go free" and the nation thus united, is to go on in rebellion against God! In the mean time, the rebels are allowed more than three months, in which, with the aid of their slaves and European sympathizers, to conquer us, if they can. If they find themselves hard pushed, they can take the wind out of our sails, by liberating the slaves on the spot to fight against us. It "gives the South an opportunity to escape—it should be her golden opportunity," says the *Herald*. We trust in the Providence of God, the sagacity of a free, loyal people, and the madness of slave-holding rebels to defeat or overrule this programme, and deliver the slaves and the Nation. Among the means of this, circulate, sign, and send up the petition!